Pending Energy Policy Statement

4452. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewalable Energy policy Statement is pending since long;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources had prepared a draft Renewable Energy Policy Statement for accelerated development of renewable sources of energy in the country. The draft of the Policy Statement has been submitted by the Ministry for further approvals. The approval has not yet been accorded.

Tapping of wind energy

4453. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether actual tapping of wind energy is only 1080 MW whereas the potential is about 45,000 MW;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to harness this sector of energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The gross wind power potential in the country has been estimated at about 45,000 MW. The technical potential, which can be tapped at present is, however, about 13,000 MW. A total wind power capacity of 1617 MW has so far been installed in the country. Wind power projects are mainly set up as commercial projects through private investments. The setting up of wind power capacity mainly depends on the availability of financing on attractive terms and a suitable policy for these projects in potential States.